Mr. Garrison proceeded generally to a fair audience yesterday. We are expecting a good lecture from him.

Anti-Slavery Office,
February 6, 1854.

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Dear Garrison:

We fear that you may find the writing of a ~~letter~~ lecture a burden, too irksome to be borne, induces me to say that if, upon trial, such should prove to be the case, and your own judgment should tell you that you can do yourself and the cause better justice in an extemporaneous speech, then don't feel yourself shut up to the necessity of writing merely to gratify us. But for the desire to publish your lectures, and the

idea that it would be more
compact and better rounded
out, if written beforehand, I
should prefer to have you
speak extemporaneously. We
thought it would be better to
pay you for writing than to
be at the expense of hiring a
reporter. And besides, we did
not know that an ~~[illegible]~~ un-
written speech, even if more
impressive upon the audience
than a written one, would be
just the sort for a pamphlet;
While we were perfectly sure that
if you should write with the thought
of publication before you, you could
not fail. But we don't want

I open this letter to tell you a bit of news, viz: that Ward Beecher & John Mitchell are at this moment holding a private interview! They were brought together by Mr. Maxwell, an anti-slavery man, who thinks Mitchell has, after all, a soul worth saving, and that Beecher can find it if any-

body can. Beecher was willing to see him, and he was not unwilling to see Beecher. Mitchell's mother & sister belong to Mr. Longfellow's Society (2d Unitarian) in Brooklyn, and he being at church with them yesterday morning (to hear Mr. Farmer), Mr. Maxwell took occasion to speak with him. From a

few words dropped by
Mitchell under these cir-
cumstances, Mr. Maxwell
discovered, as he thought,
evidence of a state
of mind which made
an interview between
him and Beecher de-
sirable. And therefore
he made the effort to
bring them together.

Yours,
O. Johnson.

to put you in a yoke, and shall be entirely satisfied to leave the question to your own good judgment.

Mrs. Gibbons, in behalf of herself and husband, instructs me to say, that they want you to stay at their house while you are here. My love, you will remember, at No. 19 Lamartine Place (West Twenty-ninth St.) between the 8th & 9th Avenues. If you come by the cars on Monday, just step across Broadway opposite the Depot, and there in Canal street, see (or wait a moment for) a car of the 8th Avenue railroad, (distinguished from that of the 6th Av.

at the same place by being red instead of yellow); tell the conductor to let you out at 29th st., where you will be within a few steps of friend Gibbons's door. I am thus particular, because it may happen that I cannot meet you, as I will try to do, when you arrive. If you come by boat, and get in in time for breakfast, come to our home, ~~place~~, 25 Cottage Place, between Houston and ~~of~~ Bleecker; or, if that should prove inconvenient, walk ~~step~~ up to Mrs. Mercer's, corner of Ann & Nassau, where you can get a breakfast, and a newspaper to read till the A. S. Office is open. Let me know when to expect you.

Yours, heartily, O. Johnson.